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To: All Field Offices

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations 2002

Program Area: Wildland Fire and Aviation Management

Purpose: This Instruction Memorandum (IM) transmits and documents Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations 2002 (BLM Handbook 9213-1). This handbook sets the standards that will be policy during the 2002 fire season.

Policy/Action: This handbook states or references BLM policy and guidance necessary to perform safe and effective fire and aviation management operations. Where possible, this document incorporates interagency standards. This handbook supplements the Bureau Manual 9200 sections and the Departmental Manual (910 DM).

Time Frame: This IM is effective upon receipt.

Budget Impact: These standards reflect a commitment to safe and efficient fire management operations that cannot be addressed as a direct budget element. Effective implementation of these standards will have a positive impact on the budget by ensuring that fire and aviation operations are performed safely, effectively, and in accordance with established policy.

Background: The 2001 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy, the Bureau of Land Management Fire and Aviation Program-wide Management Review, and the Interagency Management Review all identify the need for clear policy and guidance. This handbook was developed to provide clear policy and guidance for the fire and aviation operations.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: This handbook supplements the BLM Manual 9213, *Fire Presuppression*.

Coordination: WO, State Offices, and outside agencies were contacted for input. This document was developed with input from all State Fire Management Officers and cooperating fire management agencies.

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1 - Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations 2002

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